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1. AMB YOUNG MET WITH AFRICAN GROUP MORNING OF APRIL 1 TO PRESENT WESTERN THINKING BEHIND SUGGESTED CHANGES TO LATEST AFRICAN DRAFT (SEPTEL) FOLLOWING AMB YOUNG'S DEPARTURE, GROUP ENTERED LONG DISCUSSION ABOUT VALUE OF DECLARATION. EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON THEY ASKED THE SC PRESIDENT, VENEZEULA, TO CANCEL THE SCHEDULED PM SC MEETING, BECAUSE

THEY WANTED TO CONTINUE THEIR CONSULTATIONS.

2. AF GP MEETING CONTINUED INTO THE LATE EVENING. AFRICAN MISOFFS LEAVING THE SESSION TOLD USUN MISOFF THAT MANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISCUSSION WERE VERY CRITICAL OF THE LATEST WESTERN TEXT (REFTEL B), ESPECIALLY PARA 16, AND THAT THERE EXISTED A RISING TIDE OF BELIEF THAT THE PRESENT DRAFT DOES NOT REPRESENT MUCH OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN OR ADVANCEMENT OF WESTERN POLICY CONCERNING SOUTHERN AFRICA; IN FACT, MANY REPS WERE AGAIN STARTING TO VIEW THE DECLARATION AS MERELY AN ATTEMPT BY THE WEST TO AVOID CONSIDERING THE RESOLUTIONS.

3. AFRICAN GROUP IS REPORTEDLY GOING TO DRAFT: 1) COUNTER-PROPOSALS TO LATEST WESTERN SUGGESTIONS WHICH THEY WOULD EXPECT TO BE REJECTED; THUS LEADING THEM TO 2) A BRAND NEW TEXT WHICH, ALTHOUGH UNACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST, WOULD BE READ IN THE COUNCIL AS AN AFRICAN (AND PERHAPS NONALIGNED) DOCUMENT.

4. COMMENT: WESTERN SOLIDARITY REMAINS STRONG AND, AT THE SAME TIME AS THE AFRICAN GROUP SEEMS TO BE MOVING AWAY FROM COMPROMISE, THE WESTERN GROUP IS INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF INTERNAL COORDINATION AND CONSENSUS AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS EXERCISE SINCE IT BEGAN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. ASIDE FROM A SLIGHTLY STRONGER BRITISH POSITION ON PARA 16, THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE DIS-AGREEMENT WITH ANY DECISION THE GROUP HAS MADE. WE RETAIN OUR OPTIMISM, BUT BELIEVE THAT THE ODDS AGAINST SC ADOPTION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DECLARATION HAVE RISEN CONSIDERABLY DURING THE COURSE OF TODAY'S SEVEN OR EIGHT HOURS OF AFRICAN GP MEETINGS. WE FORESEE NEXT CONTACT BY THE AFRICAN GROUP WITH THE WESTERN FIVE MONDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 4, AND DO NOT EXPECT THE SC DEBATE ON THIS ITEM TO END BEFORE TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK.
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